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CLAIMS:

1. A golf tee marker (1) comprising a body (3) surmounting a ground engaging portion and having in a top surface thereof a well (4) for receiving therein a ground engaging portion of another marker (1) for stacking markers (1) in a column, the well (4) having a drain hole (5) to avoid accumulation of liquid therein.

2. A golf tee marker (1) according to claim 1, wherein ground engaging portion is at least one spike (2).

3. A golf tee marker (1) according to claim 1, wherein the well (4) has inwardly inclined side walls (6) to facilitate entry and fitting of the ground engaging portion of another marker (1).

4. A golf tee marker (1) according to claim 1, further comprising a fixed or detachable flange (7) disposed beneath the body (3) and parallel with an underside of the body (3) within the body's (3) perimeter to facilitate manipulation of the marker (1).

5. A golf tee marker (1) according to claim 4, further comprising, beneath the body (3) a protective member to cushion impact and prevent direct contact between the bodies (3) of the markers (1) upon stacking.

6. A golf tee marker (1) according to claim 1, wherein the drain hole (5) runs from the bottom of the well (4) to a periphery on the underside of the body (3).

7. A golf tee marker (1) according to claim 6, wherein an exit of the drain hole (5) is positioned such that, when markers (1) are vertically stacked, liquid exiting the drain hole (5) will not enter into the marker (1) below.

8. A golf tee marker (1) comprising:  
a body (3) surmounting at least one spike (2) for spiking into the ground and having a spike well (4) in an upper surface thereof for receiving therein a spike (2) or spikes (2) of another marker (1) for stacking in a column;

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the spike well (4) having a drain hole (5) to avoid accumulation of liquid therein;

the spike well (4) having inwardly inclined side walls (6) to facilitate entry and fitting of a spike (2);

a removable or fixed flange (7) attached beneath, and parallel to, the underside of the body (3) and within the body's (3) perimeter, to assist placement of the marker (1).

a resilient washer (8) disposed beneath the body (3) for inhibiting direct contact between the bodies (3) of stacked markers (1).

9. A pickup and placement cylinder (13) for stackable golf-tee markers (1) comprising:

an elongated cylindrical housing for housing markers (1) therein and having an opening at an end thereof for allowing ingress and egress of markers (1); and means to selectively gather and place the markers (1).

10. A pickup and placement cylinder (13) for stackable golf tee markers (1) comprising:

a housing for housing markers (1) in a cavity formed by the housing and having a closed end and an opening at an opposite end thereof for allowing ingress and egress of the markers (1);

a gear (19) disposed at the closed end for rotating a plurality of gears (21) attached to a plurality of rods (15) running lengthwise of the housing and outside of the cavity;

a plurality of top and bottom catches (16 and 17) connected to each of the rods (15) for allowing selective entrance, exit and manipulation of the markers (1) by jutting in and out of the cavity, the bottom catches (17) being adjacent the cylinder opening and the top catches (16) being spaced therefrom a distance less than the height of a marker (1);

the catches having first, second and third positions, wherein in said first position, the bottom catches (17) are retracted to allow a marker (1) to enter and exit the cylinder and the top catches (16) jut out into the cylinder cavity to act as a stop for markers (1) having their undersides below the level of the top catches (16);

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in said second position, the top catches (16) are retracted to allow a marker (1) to drop down which will be caught by the bottom catches (17) jut out; and

in said third position the bottom catches (17) jut out so as to be positioned between a flange and an underside of a marker (1) and bear down upon the flange, pushing the marker (1) into the ground.

11. A pickup and placement cylinder (13) according to claim 10, further comprising a fourth position, said fourth position having both the top and bottom catches (16 and 17) retracted to allow the markers (1) to move freely in the cylinder (13).

12. A pickup and placement cylinder (13) according to any one of claims 9 to 11, wherein the golf tee marker (1) comprises a body (3) surmounting a ground engaging portion and having in a top surface thereof a well (4) for receiving therein a ground engaging portion of another marker (1) for stacking markers (1) in a column, the well (4) having a drain hole (5) to avoid accumulation of liquid therein.

13. A transport and storage tube (29) for stacking golf tee markers (1) comprising a cavity for holding stacked markers (1) therein, a handle (30) pivotably attached to an open upper end of the tube (29) for receiving markers (1) therein, the tube (29) having a closed end having a recess formed therein for receiving a spike (2) of a lowermost marker (1).

14. A transport and storage tube (29) according to claim 13, wherein the golf tee marker (1) comprises a body (3) surmounting a ground engaging portion and having in a top surface thereof a well (4) for receiving therein a ground engaging portion of another marker (1) for stacking markers (1) in a column, the well (4) having a drain hole (5) to avoid accumulation of liquid therein.

15. A transport and storage tube (29) according to claim 13 or 14, wherein the closed end of the tube (29) has disposed therein an annular rubber cushion (32) and a bottom plug (33) with a hole for receiving the spike (2) of the lowermost marker (1).

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16. A transport and storage tube (29) according to any one of claims 13 to 15, wherein the number of stackable golf tee markers (1) contained within comprises a quantity sufficient for servicing the teeing area of a single golf hole.

17. A transport and storage tube (29) according to any one of claims 13 to 16, wherein the upper end has disposed thereon the hole number or other indica.

18. The use of the transport and storage tubes (29) according to any one of claims 13 to 17, for the storage, transport, pickup or distribution of stackable golf tee markers (1).

19. A golf course vehicle attachment for pickup and placement of golf tee markers (1) comprising a three-dimensionally movable arm with first and second ends pivotably connected at the first end to a base of the vehicle attachment; means for holding a pickup and placement cylinder (13) connected to the second end of the moveable arm and means for selectively manipulating the golf tee markers (1) within the pickup and placement cylinder (13).

20. A golf course vehicle attachment according to claim 19, wherein the golf tee markers (1) comprises of a body (3) surmounting a ground engaging portion and having in a top surface thereof a well (4) for receiving therein a ground engaging portion of another marker (1) for stacking markers (1) in a column, the well (4) having a drain hole (5) to avoid accumulation of liquid therein.

21. A golf course vehicle attachment according to claim 19 or 20, wherein the three-dimensionally movable arm is controlled by telescoping hydraulic cylinders.

22. A golf course vehicle attachment according to any one of claims 19 to 21, wherein the three-dimensionally moveable arm is attached to a hydraulic system of the vehicle.

23. A golf course vehicle attachment according to claim 22, wherein the hydraulic system is controlled by directional control valves on a dashboard of the vehicle or on the attachment itself.

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24. A golf course vehicle attachment according to claim 22 or 23, wherein hydraulic cylinders of the hydraulic system are made of standard stock with a minimum of 44 in. stroke.

25. A cabinet for storing the transport and storage tubes, the cabinet having compartments for receiving the transport and storage tubes (29), wherein the cabinet may be mounted on wheels and towed behind a vehicle or handled with a forklift, sling or the like.